

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: [to be generated by State Clearinghouse]

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8676-110

PROJECT TITLE: Chualar Wastewater Consolidation Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the unincorporated community Chualar, in the Salinas Valley of Monterey County, California. Chualar is located 10 miles southeast of Salinas, and the Project is generally bound by the Highway-101 and Old Stage Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as Chualar Wastewater Consolidation. The Chualar wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is unable to meet updated waste discharge requirements and is posing a risk to public health and the environment. The Project aims to avoid further risk by pumping the wastewater from Chualar 7.5 miles north to the City of Salinas and the Monterey One Water Regional Treatment and Recycling Facility.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on December 20, 2024, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The County of Monterey will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 6: Information Collection

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Feasibility and Planning Studies

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves information collection activities and a feasibility study leading to an activity not yet approved, and it will not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: County of Monterey

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Randell Ishii

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

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